

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) will present three Bronze Star medals February 7, 2011 to U.S. Army veterans who served during World War II.

President Roosevelt authorized the Bronze Star medal by Executive Order in 1944 to recognize that U.S. Army ground troops endured great hardships and suffered some of the heaviest losses of the war.

One of the Bronze Star medals will be posthumously awarded to Corporal Daniel Adlum. Corporal Adlum served with the 2nd

Battalion 162 Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Division, from the Pacific Northwest.

The 41st

Infantry Division served in the Pacific theater of operations in 1943 and was with one of the first U.S. military units to be engaged in offensive ground combat operations with the Japanese.

Captain Kyle Akers, the current 2nd officer for the 2/162 Infantry, who served as a Combat Infantryman in Iraq, will assist the Congressman with the presentation.

In the last year, Congressman DeFazio has helped 26 World War II veterans in his congressional district receive their Bronze Star medals. Many veterans still do not know they are eligible for the award. Additionally, Congressman DeFazio continues to assist all veterans receive awards they earned while in uniform.

World War II U.S. Army veterans or their family members are encouraged to contact Congressman DeFazio's office to learn more about eligibility information and assistance with military medals.

The following veterans will be honored at the ceremony:

Bronze Star recipient: Private Don Muller of Springfield

Posthumous Bronze Star Award: Patricia Adlum for Corporal Daniel Adlum of Eugene

Posthumous Bronze Star Award: Mike Olson for Private First Class Ernest Olson

The details of the event are below:

What: Bronze Star Medals

When: **February 7, 2011**

□ **10:00 – 10:45 AM**

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Where: ☐☐☐☐☐☐ Jury Assembly Room

Wayne Morse Federal Courthouse

405 E. 8th Ave

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